

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 27, 2006, within the one month response period. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the application to one of two inventions, namely:

Group I. Claims 1-15 drawn to a semiconductor device classified in class 257, subclass 298.

Group II. Claims 16-34 drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 758.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I and, in particular, claims 1-15. Applicants hereby cancel claims 16-34 of Group II without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, early and favorable examination of claims 1-15 by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned. Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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